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In re Application of

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Title: SEARCH METHOD IN A HIERACHICAL OBJECT STRUCTURE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

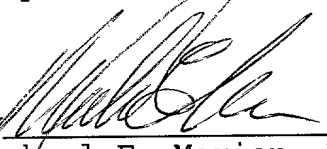
4. (Amended) A search method as claimed in claim 1,
characterized in that said objects are descriptions of video
shots.
5. (Amended) A search method as claimed in claim 1,
characterized in that said objects are MPEG-7 descriptions.
7. (Amended) A computer program comprising means for
implementing a search method as claimed in claim 1.
8. (Amended) Equipment comprising means for implementing a
search method as claimed in claim 1.

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment to claims 4,5, 7 and 8 were made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependant form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights she may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserves her right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

4. (Amended) A search method as claimed in ~~one of the~~
claims 1 ~~or~~ 2, characterized in that said objects are
descriptions of video shots.
5. (Amended) A search method as claimed in ~~one of the~~
claims 1 ~~or~~ 2, characterized in that said objects are MPEG-7
descriptions.
7. (Amended) A computer program comprising means for
implementing a search method as claimed in ~~one of the~~ claims
1 ~~or~~ 2.
8. (Amended) Equipment comprising means for implementing a
search method as claimed in ~~one of the~~ claims 1 ~~or~~ 2.

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